

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of selecting images from a plurality of images previously stored in a memory location, ordering services to be provided utilizing the images, and transferring such images to a remote memory location over a channel where the services are to be provided, comprising the steps of:
  - a) storing a plurality of images in the memory location along with corresponding thumbnail or lower resolution corresponding images;
  - b) displaying at least a subset of the thumbnail images for viewing by a user;
  - c) the user selecting those images to be transferred after viewing the displayed thumbnail images;
  - d) providing image identifiers for each selected image to be uploaded to the remote location and a service order which specifies the services to be provided utilizing such selected images;
  - e) the remote location confirming the receipt of the service order; and
  - f) transferring such images over the channel to the remote memory location at a suitable time for effective data transfer whereby the ordered services can be subsequently provided.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the services to be provided are making an album containing the selected images.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the services ordered are selected from the group consisting of providing prints having a plurality of print sizes or picture frames for mounting the selected prints.
4. The method of claim 1 further including the steps of a user providing a payment identifier specifying an account to be charged for servicing the order.

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5. The method of claim 1 wherein the suitable time is a time selected by the user.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the suitable time is a time selected for efficient transfer over the channel.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the suitable time is selected by a user from a plurality of service times provided by the provider.
8. A method of selecting images from a plurality of images previously stored in a memory location, ordering services to be provided utilizing the images, and transferring such images to a remote memory location over a channel where a service provider provides the services, comprising the steps of:
  - a) establishing a service account with the service provider and furnishing a user with an identifier for such service account to permit a user to have access to ordered services;
  - b) storing a plurality of images in the memory location;
  - c) displaying at least a subset of the images for viewing by a user;
  - d) the user selecting those images to be transferred after viewing the displayed images;
  - e) providing a service account identifier and image identifiers for each selected image to be uploaded to the remote location and a service order which specifies the services to be provided utilizing such selected images;
  - f) the remote location confirming the receipt of the service order; and
  - g) transferring such images over the channel to the remote memory location at a suitable time for effective data transfer whereby the ordered services can be subsequently provided.

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9. The method of claim 8 further including completing the ordered services and sending images for which ordered services have been provided to a third party.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the images for which services have been ordered are sent electronically.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein the images for which services have been ordered include hard copy prints which are sent by the U.S. postal service or a private carrier.

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